# **Important note about safety**

Adopt-A-Highway volunteers are required to conduct a safety meeting once each year before the first pickup.

Each volunteer is required to wear an MDOT-provided, bright lime green ANSI/ISEA 107-2004 Class 2 safety vest while working along the roadside.

Once your group is issued an Adopt-A-Highway permit, MDOT will provide additional safety information, including rules, guidelines and a safety video.

# **How are roads assigned?**

Requests for specific roadside areas will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis between you and a local MDOT region coordinator. All attempts will be made to match your first choice, or a segment that is closest to your community.

Adopt-A-Highway permits are issued to groups for a minimum two-year period. A group may keep its adopted section of highway indefinitely, as long as permit requirements are fulfilled.

# Sign up now and adopt a highway!

If the area you select is available, please allow approximately four weeks to receive notice from your local program office about your adopted area, safety materials, and specific pickup times and dates.

# How can we sign up?

To request an Adopt-A-Highway application form, go to www.michigan.gov/adoptahighway, or call or write the MDOT region office that serves your county. Please refer to the map and following phone numbers.



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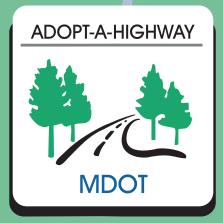
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# Join the Team!

and keep our roadsides clean





# MDOT and You... the Clean Team!

# **What is Adopt-A-Highway?**

Adopt-A-Highway is a Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) program designed to help keep the state's highway roadsides clean and attractive. Volunteer groups "adopt" both sides along a section of highway roadside for two years or more. A minimum 2-mile stretch of roadside is recommended.

All types of state highways may be adopted, including two-lane roads, limited-access highways, and boulevards.

# Who is eligible?

Just about any group consisting of at least three people.

It's a great opportunity for all types of organizations, including scout troops, church groups, activity and teen groups, small and large businesses, clubs, service organizations, and senior citizen groups.

Volunteers must be 12 years of age or older. Groups with children between the ages of 12 and 17 must have at least one adult supervisor for every three children.

## What's required to volunteer?

Your time and effort. It's that easy!

Volunteers are asked to pick up litter a minimum of three times each year from highway roadsides in their designated area. The goal of the program is to clean the roadsides before mowing cycles and tourism periods (April through October). Designated pickup dates and times will be determined by MDOT at the beginning of the year.

## Is there a fee?

There is no fee required to volunteer in the Adopt-A-Highway program.

Groups will need to provide their own transportation to the adoption site.

MDOT will provide bags for litter and pickup service for filled bags. MDOT will supply a safety vest for each member upon acceptance in the program. Bags, vests and safety materials can be picked up at

your designated supply location.

# How does my group or organization benefit?

Besides the sense of pride your group will take in enhancing the appearance of your community, the name of your group will be identified on attractive Adopt-A-Highway signs to be displayed near your roadside area. (Your group's signs will be placed after completion of your safety meeting and at least one pickup.) In addition, upon completion of your annual safety meeting, your group will receive a certificate of participation for display in your lobby or business.

# Why adopt?

MDOT spends about \$5 million annually removing litter from Michigan roadsides. Since the Adopt-A-Highway program was implemented in 1990,

millions of additional tax dollars that would have been spent on litter removal have been redirected into repairing our roads. Volunteer efforts help reduce litter cleanup costs, save taxpayers money, and fight the increasing litter problem in our state.